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FOREST PARK HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2016 PRESIDENT SERVES AS GRAND MARSHAL FOR HOLIDAY PARADE

The Dumfries Town Council decided to go in a different direction this year when selecting the Grand Marshal for the Christmas Parade. After some discussion, it was decided that the Town would invite

the Senior Class President from our local High School to fill that honored role as a celebration of our youth and the future of our Town.

Andrew Webb is the Class of 2016 President at Forest Park High School. He is a four year member of the varsity golf and baseball teams as well as a member of the National Honor Society. After graduation, Andrew plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he will be studying sports communications.



DUMFRIES ELEMENTARY CHORUS SINGS AT ANNUAL TOWN HALL TREE LIGHTING

Students from the Dumfries Elementary School Chorus came to Town Hall on the evening of December 5th to perform at the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Performing under the Direction of Ms. Meredith Lopez, the students sang four festive holiday songs for the crowd and were then surprised by a visit from Santa



and had a chance to visit with Old Saint Nick as their loved ones took pictures. The Students of the Dumfries Elementary Chorus were given a pizza party after school on Thursday, December 17th by Town Staff as a thank you for their great performance!

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NEWS FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

The Town of Dumfries in 2016 is making changes! We are growing in business and amenities and that means growing in population as well. We have worked hard since 2012 to move our Town forward in economic development and planning for our future. In 2016 you will be able to see our progress. This building over the next 18-24 months will mean disruptions. So plan on traffic pattern changes as well as getting around Town may take a little bit longer than expected. We hope that by the end of the year that citizens and business owners will be able to see the fruits of our labor and our Main Street will be a place to come and relax – stay and get something to eat. Enjoy Dumfries!



This Town and its amenities are yours. Council and Town staff needs citizen and business owner involvement on committees and feedback on government decisions. If you are interested in participating in Town government, at any level such as, an elected official, serving on a commission / committee, volunteering to assist with events or serving as an advisor, please contact me. If there is anything I can do to encourage or facilitate your involvement I am ready to provide you assistance.

2016 is an election year; three Council positions are up for election; the seats available are Vice-Mayor Toney, Councilman Brewer and Councilwoman Reynolds. The election is on 3 May 2016 with elected members taking the oath on 1 July 2016. As you can imagine there are quite a few hot button issues that will come up during the election.

Get involved in 2016! One person can make a difference. Each voice should be heard. Talk and write to Council and the Town Manager to affect change. Council was elected by you, to do your will, hold us accountable. This is your Town; never let us forget that we work for you!

As always, please continue sharing this publication and spreading the word about what's good and going on in the Town of Dumfries. Our Dumfries Town government must be transparent and inclusive; as Mayor I have a duty to listen and understand your priorities. If you have a concern or an idea, please contact me at 703-895-4715. We will set up an appointment for a call or meeting at your convenience. I look forward to seeing you around Town.

Semper Fidelis & God Bless You All,

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MAYOR GERALD FOREMAN II

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Keep Our Waters Clean This Winter

As winter approaches and rain turns to snow, it's still important to consider how our daily activities may have an impact upon stormwater. Fertilizers, detergents, oils, and other pollutants collect in snow which, eventually flows into storm drains and local waterways as temperatures rise. Snow removal and de-icing can add additional pollutants to snowmelt. While managing snow and ice is necessary for safety, there are a few practices that you can follow to help reduce stormwater pollution this winter:



- Whenever possible, remove snow and ice by shoveling without the use of any substances.
- Never pile snow near storm drains.
- Avoid the use of salts which are harmful to the environment because they kill plants and degrade soils and waterways.
- Use sand *sparingly* as it can clog storm drains and increase stream sedimentation which can destroy

2016 TOWN DECALS

DUE APRIL 15th !

If you are a resident of Dumfries, you are required to display a Town decal on your vehicle. The decals can be purchased starting March 1, 2016 and are valid from April 15, 2016 to April 15, 2017. The decals can be purchased at the Dumfries Town Hall at 17755 Main Street. Town Hall is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Please bring your current vehicle registration, showing your Dumfries address, or bring the notice that will be mailed to you in February. The cost for each decal is \$24.00.

2016 BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS

DUE MARCH 1st !

Business license renewals are due by March 1, 2016. All businesses in the Town of Dumfries are required to display their license in their place of business. The business license applications will be mailed out in January 2016. Please complete and return application and fee to the Town of Dumfries at 17755 Main Street, Dumfries, Va. 22026, on or before March 1, 2016.

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2015 Dumfries Holiday Parade Winners

"A Winter's Dream"



Scouting

Girl Scout Unit 80-08 and Daisy Troop 3799 1st Place
Girl Scout Nations Capitol 80-01 2nd Place
Girl Scout Unit 80-03, 80-04, Troop 4980, Triangle
Elementary 3rd Place

Youth Groups

Star of Bethlehem Christian Academy 1st Place
Nikki's Daycare and Learning Center 2nd Place
Top Teens of America 3rd Place

Nonprofit/Volunteer

Prince William Forest National Park 1st Place
Rolling Thunder 2nd Place
Woodbridge Kiwanis Club 3rd Place
Triangle Lodge 293 3rd Place

Police, Fire, and Honor Guard

Dumfries Triangle Rescue Squad 1st Place
Prince William County Sheriff's Office 2nd Place
Dumfries Volunteer Fire Department 3rd Place

Vehicles and Motorcycles

DMV Dynasty Auto Club 1st Place
Top Flight Corvette 2nd Place
Kings of Heart MC 3rd Place

Non-Performing Business

DJ's Towing 1st Place
Waggy's Towing 2nd Place
TD Bank 3rd Place

ROTC

Potomac Navy ROTC 1st Place
Freedom AF JROTC 2nd Place
Woodbridge JROTC 3rd Place

Performance Groups

Graham Park Dance 1st Place
Wesley Spangler 2nd Place
Old Guard and Fife Drum Corps 3rd Place
All that and Jazz 3rd Place

Church Groups

Mt. Zion Baptist Church 1st Place
Dumfries United Methodist Church 2nd Place

Best Performance Business Group

Luv-N-Laffs Clown Alley 1st Place
United Martial Arts 2nd Place
Sweet Frog 3rd Place



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NEWS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Shania Schaffer who joined The Berkley Group in September 2015 as an Environmental Planner/ Storm Water Management Specialist assists the Town with storm management programs, including Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) communities.

The Building Department in Dumfries also falls under the Public Works Department. Building Permits are required for demolition, new residential construction, renovation and alterations of residential buildings, new commercial construction, renovation and alterations of commercial buildings, decks, outdoor buildings greater than 200 square feet and fences over 6 feet tall. Even when your project does not require a permit, the building codes still apply. We want to assist you in completing your projects in compliance with the applicable building codes and Town ordinances. Please visit WWW.DUMFRIESVA.GOV to check the requirements before starting your project.

The Tripoli Boulevard Drainage Improvements Project is close to completion. The project consists of improving storm water runoff, the installation of new curb and gutters, sidewalks, asphalt paving, seeding, grading and replacing mailbox posts.



The Department currently has 6 employees:

Richard West - Director of Public Works

Terry Myers - Assistant Director of Public Works

Yvette Ragland - Administrative Coordinator

Raymond Lowry - Maintenance Worker

James Vinson - Maintenance Worker P/T

A closing thought we would like you to keep in mind. It is our observation that in some residences, beds are often pushed up against the wall. This creates a situation where a bad electrical receptacle could malfunction and set the bedding on fire. The practice of pushing a bed flush against the wall may keep someone from falling out of bed but it could also cause a house fire with disastrous consequences.

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New Development Coming Soon in Dumfries!

Over the past year a few very noteworthy land use development applications have been submitted to the Zoning Administrator. In the coming year we will see groundbreaking for two major projects that will offer ground floor commercial with up to 4 floors of residential above.

First Town Center was approved in December, 2014. This project will offer a Town Center feel with 2 office buildings, and a third building that will be a mix of commercial retail and approximately 250 residential apartments. This project will be located north of Town Hall along Main Street and adjacent to Garrison Park. As a part of this project approval the developer has offered improvements to Garrison Park such as an amphitheater and other outdoor recreational amenities.

Parkside at Dumfries was a recently approved project that will be constructed on Fraley Boulevard adjacent to Garrison Park. Quantico Creek will separate the residential development from the Town park. This development will include ground floor retail with four floors of residential, approximately 56 residential units. Recreational amenities such as a kayak launch will be included. Plans for connectivity to Garrison Park via a footbridge are being discussed.

Currently the Town has received a Rezoning application for a 28 acre site located at the southwestern corner of Graham Park Road and Old Triangle Road. This will be a mixed use development offering townhomes, single family homes, and commercial development. This project is in the very early stages and will not be reviewed by the Planning Commission until March, 2016.

Copies of the approved resolutions for the land development applications can be made available by contacting Laura O'Dell. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Laura O'Dell at 703-221-3400 or by email at lodell@dumfriesva.gov.



NVRC Annual Blanket Drive

One Blanket will make a difference! For the second year, the Town of Dumfries joined the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), Virginia elected officials, religious groups and aid organizations in a regional effort to collect blankets and children's coats for Syrian and Iraqi refugees who have fled to Turkey. This year the Town collected approximately 100 blankets and 50 jackets! Thank you for showing Americans care!

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INFORMATION FROM THE DUMFRIES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recruit Officer Malcolm R. Gatling

Officer Malcolm Gatling was hired December 7, 2015 as a recruit police officer with the Dumfries Police Department. He is from the City of Fredericksburg, and is a graduate of Massaponax High School.

Recruit Officer Gatling enlisted in the United States Marine Corps after completing high school. He completed basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, then infantry training. He was assigned as a Rifleman to the 1st Battalion of the Marine Corps 3rd Division. While assigned to this unit, he also served four months with the Military Police Battalion as a Military Auxiliary Police Officer. After completing his required four years of active service, he received an Honorable Discharge in August 2014. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal upon separation from the Marine Corps.

Recruit Officer Gatling will attend the Prince William Police Department's Law Enforcement Basic Academy beginning in January, and he is scheduled to graduate in June. We are very proud of Recruit Officer Gatling's service with the United States Marine Corps and look forward to him being a part of our Police Department Team!

Police Officer James A. Mangan

Officer James Mangan was hired July 6, 2015 as recruit police officer for the Dumfries Police Department. He is from Stafford County and is a graduate of Brooke Point High School. He earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice/Police Administration from the University of Phoenix.

Officer Mangan began his law enforcement career with George Washington University Police Department in July 2012, where he remained until he came to the Dumfries Police Department. Prior to law enforcement, he worked as a security officer, both for a private company and for the Transportation Security Administration.

Officer Mangan has served as a member of the Stafford Volunteer Fire Department since May 2005. Through training and performance, he has risen to the rank of Lieutenant with the Department.

Officer Mangan has maintained his EMT certification and has many certifications in the fire service field. In addition to his required in-service training for law enforcement, he achieved certifications as a defensive tactics instructor and standard field sobriety instructor. He utilized his instructor certifications to train police officers at GWU and other area University Police Departments.

You haven't seen Officer Mangan as he has been attending the Prince William Police Department's Law Enforcement Basic Academy since July. He successfully completed all of the requirements of the twenty-four week academy and graduated on December 22nd! He begins field training December 28th!

We are very proud of Officer Mangan's successful accomplishments in the academy and look forward to him working patrol! Congratulations and welcome to Officer Mangan!

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SERGEANT HEATHER R. LLOYD GRADUATES

On December 2nd, Sergeant Heather R. Lloyd graduated from the Direct Leadership Course. This course is an academic approach to the study of leadership in organizations. The course includes lessons on individual development, motivation and stress, group dynamics, leadership theory/skills and finishes with a brief discussion of organizations and ethics. Intense, eight hour classes were conducted at the Prince William Public Safety Training Academy once a week from September thru December 2nd 2015.

Congratulations to Sergeant Lloyd!



CHRISTMAS IN DUMFRIES

Every year the Dumfries Police Department sponsors the "Christmas in Dumfries" program for underprivileged children in our local community. Families can apply to the program with the names and ages of their children as well as a "wish-list" of items the children may want or need. Town Staff and Volunteers then take the lists and shop at Wal-Mart in an effort to buy the items off the wish list and then hold an event where the Children get to meet Santa and he gives them their gifts.

This years Christmas in Dumfries Event took place on Saturday, December 19th at the Dumfries Triangle Rescue Squad. Over 50 children were provided with breakfast, took pictures with Santa and received gifts to take home for Christmas.



A local volunteer fire fighter donated his time to play Santa and all the food was provided and served by the Dumfries Triangle Rescue Squad. This program is funded solely on donations and your help is needed to continue this program in the years to come. For more information, please contact the Police Department at 703-221-1111. The Police Department would like to say thank you to everyone who helped make this years program a success!

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Dumfries Police Department Neighborhood and Business Community Liaisons

The Town of Dumfries has been divided into five areas for the purpose of assigning Police Officers who will serve as a Neighborhood and Business Community Liaison for each designated area. A Police Officer will also be assigned to each established Home Owners Association as well. The purpose of the Neighborhood and Business Community Liaison Officer is to serve as the primary contact for citizens and business owners who are located within a specified area to contact when they have general questions, concerns, or issues that are related to law enforcement.

If a citizen or business owner is not certain in which area their home or business is located, they should contact the Dumfries Police Department at (703) 221-1111 to speak with someone for assistance.

Citizens and business owners should still contact 9-1-1 in cases where there is an emergency; and dispatch at (703) 792-6500 to file a report.

Route 234 and Route 1 Area/Grayson Village, South Cove, Tripoli Heights

This includes all residents and businesses on Route 234 from the Town line to Route 1, and those on the west side of Route 1 from Route 234 to Tripoli Boulevard. This area includes Tripoli Heights and Grayson Village.

Officer T. DeShawn Sims
(703) 221-1111 ext. 212
email: tsims@dumfriesva.gov

Fralely Boulevard/Campbell Property, Hampstead Landing, Rose Hill

This includes residents and businesses on both sides of Fralely Boulevard from Williamstown Drive to Graham Park Road to south Town line, except Dumfries Plaza Shopping Center. This area includes Hampstead Landing, Rose Hill, and Colonial Port Road.

Officer Matt Arnsparger
(703) 221-1111 ext. 216
email: marnsparger@dumfriesva.gov

Main Street North Area/Port of Dumfries, Quantico-Triangle Trailer Park

This includes residents and businesses on the west side of Fralely Boulevard from Tripoli Boulevard to Main Street; and on both sides of Main Street from Fralely Boulevard to Mine Road. This includes Harold and Cathy's Café and Acts.

Sergeant Michael Fink
(703) 221-1111 ext. 204
email: mfink@dumfriesva.gov

This area also includes the Quantico-Triangle Trailer Park and Connies Market.

Main Street South Area/Dumfries Shopping Center, Knolls of Dumfries, Prince William Estates

This includes residents and businesses on both sides of Main Street from Mine Road to the south Town line. This area includes East Coast Harley, Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins, and the Triangle Shopping Plaza. This area also Includes the Dumfries Plaza Shopping Center.

Officer Abel Garcia
(703) 221-1111 ext. 208
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Williamstown HOA

This includes the Williamstown subdivision

Sergeant Heather Lloyd
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WINTER WEATHER STORM PRECAUTIONS

Severe weather storms create many serious issues. One of which is the loss of electricity for extended periods of time.

Food Safety Precautions - In the case of an electrical outage, it is important to take careful precautions to ensure food safety. The risk of food poisoning is heightened when refrigerators and ovens are inoperable.

- Discard any food that has been at room temperature for two hours or more, and any food that has an unusual odor, color or texture. Just remember, "When in doubt, throw it out!"
- If your power has been out for 48 hours or longer – and you have NOT made other provisions for keeping your food at or below 41 degrees F – do not eat it.
- If you have made other provisions to keep your food cold, make sure the temperature of the food is 41 degrees F or below before cooking or eating it.
- A full cooler or freezer will maintain its cold temperatures longer than one that is partially filled, so it is important to pack plenty of extra ice or freezer packs to insure a constant cold temperature.
- Depending on the type of cooler you are using, ice will need to be replaced at least every 24 hours.

Avoid Carbon Monoxide - Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is poisonous to breathe. Do not heat your home or operate gasoline-powered generators inside your residence. Never bring them indoors.

Candle Safety

- Use flashlights instead of candles whenever possible.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire such as clothing, books, curtains, or flammable liquids.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily and are made from a material that can't burn.
- Keep candles out of reach of children.
- Avoid carrying a lit candle.
- Never use a candle for a light when checking pilot lights or fueling equipment.

The Dumfries Police Department wishes everyone a safe winter season in their home!

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WINTER SAFE TRAVEL TIPS

Although winter seems to be getting a slow start this year, it will soon be upon us. The Dumfries Police Department would like to offer the following tips to increase your chances of a safe journey during inclement weather.

When it snows, use your head not your feet. Slow down for wet, snowy, or icy conditions; when visibility is poor; or when conditions are changing or unpredictable; no matter what type of vehicle you drive. Slow down when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady spots. These are all candidates for developing black ice - a thin coating of clear ice that can form on the pavement surface that may be difficult to see.

Space out! Leave plenty of room between your vehicle and others. It takes more time and distance to stop your vehicle in adverse weather conditions, so use your brakes carefully. Brake early, brake slowly, brake correctly, and *never* slam on the brakes.

No Cruising! Avoid using cruise control in winter driving conditions. You need to be in control of your speed based on road conditions - don't let the cruise control make a bad decision for you.

Remember: Winter conditions call for different driving tactics. Ice and snow, take it slow - slower speed, slower acceleration, slower steering, and slower braking.

When you start your car in the morning, do not leave the keys in your vehicle and the door unlocked should you decide to return to the house. Remember, criminals look for easy targets and moments of opportunity. You are inviting the theft of your vehicle.

Completely clean your vehicle of ice and snow before traveling. Snow on your windshield and side windows reduce your view of potential hazards.

Don't crowd the plow. Snowplows plow far and wide - sometimes very wide. The front plow extends several feet in front of the truck and may cross the centerline and shoulders during snow plowing operations. Snowplows also turn and exit the road frequently.

The Dumfries Police Department wishes everyone safe travels during the winter season!

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COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Hello Dumfries!

NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES



My name is Brittany Heine and I am the new Director of Community Services for the Town of Dumfries! I joined the Town staff on November 2, and have been busy working on community events such as the Dumfries Christmas Parade and Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. I am originally from State College, Pennsylvania but spent the past five years in Baltimore, Maryland before recently relocating to Warrenton, Virginia with my family.

I am excited to begin my journey with Dumfries as the Community Services Director and strive to provide meaningful events and programs to all of Dumfries residents.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you and moving forward with the Dumfries promise of "Small Town, Big Difference."

Brittany A. Heine

Do you want to make a
difference in your Community?

Volunteer with the Town of Dumfries!

To find out how you can get
involved, contact Brittany Heine
at bheine@dumfriesva.gov

Community Calendar

February 20th - Black History Month Celebration at the
Little Union Baptist Church

March 19th - Easter Egg Hunt in Ginn Memorial Park

April 23rd - Parks and Recreation Community
Commonwealth Day